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FISH AND SHELLFISH LANDINGS AT GULF PORTS DURING MAY

During May, 25,424 barrels of shrimp were landed at the principal reproduction points in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, according to figures supplied to the New Orleans Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, and released today in their monthly summary report.

Compared with the April total of 8,071 barrels, this represents an increase of 17,353 barrels. Of the May total, 822 barrels were utilized for canning while the remainder of 24,602 barrels was either frozen or used fresh.

Total production of shrimp for the first five months of 1941 now amounts to 75,663 barrels.

A total of 33,086 barrels of oysters was harvested during May. When compared with the April figure of 163,369 barrels, this represents a decrease of 130,283 barrels. Of the May total, 27,709 barrels were utilized for canning while the remainder of 5,377 barrels was sold fresh. For the first five months of 1941, production of oysters totals 702,574 barrels.

Oysters are listed in State barrels of the respective States, capacities of which are: Alabama and Mississippi, 8,478.6 cubic inches; Louisiana, 6,445.4 cubic inches; and Texas, 8,100.0 cubic inches. Shrimp, according to the summary, are listed with heads on in 210-lb. barrels, the equivalent of 125 pounds with heads off.

Additional fishery products landed include hard crabs (2,381,730 pounds); crab meat (221,360 pounds); soft crabs (5,549 dozen); other shellfish, mainly turtle and crayfish, 16,890 pounds.

Salt-water fish landings, mainly red snapper, mullet, grouper, and blue runner, in May, amounted to 493,010 pounds--an increase of 127,490 pounds over the April figure of 365,520 pounds.

Fresh-water fish landings, mainly catfish and buffalofish, totaled 98,440 pounds--a decrease of 31,510 pounds when compared with the landings for April.

For the first five months of 1941, salt-water fish landings total 1,921,700 pounds, while fresh-water fish landings amount to 483,030 pounds.

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